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IN REPLY REFER TO: 3809, UTU- 76643 (UTG020)

Paul Baker Reclamation Biologist Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 P. O. Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

RE: Authorization for the release of the Reclamation Surety for U. S. Gypsum's Kimball Draw Project, UTU-76643; T. 23 S., R. 8 E., Section 21

Dear Mr. Baker:

cc:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received an appeal from the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, requesting the release of the U.S. Gypsum's Kimball Draw project bond, on March 4, 2009. The bond totals \$5,400 and is currently held by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Prior to your request, the BLM Price Field Office inspected the reclamation efforts for the Kimball Draw claims on October 7, 2008 and is convinced that surface disturbances have been effectively eliminated and no additional earth-work is necessary. Regarding re-vegetation, it was observed that vegetation has not been established and will probably take several more seasons to do so. Seed had been applied; however, it will take a year or two to become established well enough to release that aspect of the bond. Therefore, it is BLM's recommendation that \$4,400 should be released to U.S. Gypsum for their reclamation efforts and that \$1,000 should be retained for re-vegetation purposes if needed in the future.

As detailed above, the BLM approves of the release of \$4,400.00 for the U.S. Gypsum's Kimball Draw project. If you have any questions or comments please contact Chris Conrad at (435) 636-3667.

Sincerely.

Michael Stiewig Field Manager

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